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TO AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO PRIORITY

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 024678

THE FOL TEL FROM SECSTATE WASHDC DATED FEB 6, 1974
TO STOCKHOM PRIORITY IS REPTED:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 024678

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SUBJECT:PROJECTED VISIT OF AMBASSADOR EDELSTAM TO US

REF:STOCKHOLM 468

1. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY STABLER CALLED SWEDISH
CHARGE LEIFLAND AFTERNOON FEB. 5 TO EXPRESS CONCERN AT
FORTHCOMING VISIT TO US OF FORMER AMBASSADOR TO CHILE
EDELSTAM (REFTEL). STABLER POINTED OUT THAT EVEN THOUGH
HE REMAINED ON ACTIVE DUTY IN SWEDISH DIPLOMATIC SERVICE
EDELSTAM HAD EVERY RIGHT TO VISIT US IN PRIVATE CAPACITY.
NEVERTHELESS, ANY PRESENTATION BY EDELSTAM CRITICAL OF US
POLICY IN CHILE COULD ONLY HAVE NEGATIVE IMPACT ON US-
SWEDISH RELATIONS AT THIS STAGE.

2. LEIFLAND SAID HE CONCURRED AND WOULD SO INFORM
STOCKHOLM. HE ADDED THAT DAY EARLIER, ON LEARNING OF PRO-
POSED EDELSTAM VISIT, HE HAD SENT THE "MOST STRONGLY
WORDED CABLE" OF HIS CAREER TO THE "TOP LEVEL" OF THE
SWEDISH GOVERNMENT, INSISTING THAT EDELSTAM'S TRIP BE
CANCELLED.

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